

I support this legislation. The more training police officers get, the less violent the ending in encounters with mentally ill youth and adults. De-escalation techniques must be part of the officers' toolkit in these frequent situations. No one -- an officer, a child, and adult -- should die in these fraught confrontations.

Also, I believe all police departments need tight connections with mental health providers. Troubled people get into trouble. We need skilled intervention by our officers.

Respectfully,

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